

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please replace the previous title on page 1 by a new title:

“ IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING CLEANER DEVICES FOR PERFORMING IMPROVED CLEANING OPERATIONS”.

Please replace the previous abstract on page 42 by a new abstract:

The present invention is to provide an image forming apparatus in which each of the plurality of image forming station includes an image bearing body, a developer for developing latent image on the image bearing body by toner, and a cleaner for effecting cleaning of toner on the image bearing body. The toner image on the image bearing body is transferred to a carrying member side; toner on the carrying member is collected by the cleaner via the image bearing body. A volume of the cleaner of first image forming station of the plurality of image forming station to contain toner made is larger than a volume of cleaners of other image forming stations to contain toner.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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